

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
February 2, 1997
10:00 a.m.**

Closed Session: No closed session was conducted.

Called To Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Opening ceremony was conducted by Frank Ettawageshik.

Council Present: Janet Shomin, Frank Ettawageshik, Barry Laughlin, George Anthony, Patti Dyer-Deckrow, Alice Yellowbank.

Council Absent: Shirley Oldman

Staff Present: Michelle Chingwa

Guests Present: See attached list.

AGENDA:

Agenda was reviewed and amended.

Motion was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to approve agenda as modified.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 10:00 a.m. No public comment was issued. Public comment closed at 10:00 a.m.

Tribal Administrator's Report

The Tribal Administrator gave an overview on her written report. A discussion was held regarding the format of the Tribal Administrator's report. It was decided by Council that the Tribal Administrator will provide a narrative report for the Administrative meeting using the format she learned in the Program Development training, and she will give a bulleted report at the Legislative meeting. Council also requested that the report contain the dates of the period covered in the report.

Janet Shomin requested that the Tribal Administrator provide her with a written report regarding how the staff will make the move to the new offices. She also requested a sanitation report and a final close out report.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to accept the Tribal Administrator's written and verbal report.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Budgets

Budgets were reviewed.

Recess: A recess was called at 11:52 a.m. Meeting was called back to order at 12:05 p.m.

The Tribal Administrator provided Council with a baseline planning budget based on Francis Killer's recommendations using a 10%, 32 %, and 50% increases.

Council discussed the travel and training allocations. They would like to see a report that shows the equipment amount broke away from the total space cost allocation. The Tribal Administrator will provide this information to Council.

Recess: Recess was called at 12:45 p.m. the Tribal Administrator was excused from the meeting and a lunch break was called. The meeting was called back to order at 1:19 p.m.

Compact Information

Rick Weiner gave a verbal report on what is currently happening with the compact. A retreat is going to be held for Council on February 28th, March 1, and March 2nd. The Council meeting for March 2 has been moved to March 9. The Council meeting scheduled for March 16 has been rescheduled to March 23. This retreat is to develop a game plan regarding issues of gaming. This Council retreat includes staff, Susan Keller and Bryan Gillett. Marilyn Williams from the Gaming Commission will also attend. Council also approved this retreat to include the immediate families of the participants.

Recess: Recess was called at 2:40 p.m. Meeting called back to order at 3:10.

Approval of Bills

An NCAI bill submitted from Chairman Ettawageshik was discussed. This will come out of Council training in the amount of \$110.00 to be reimbursed to him. The API line item was listed as Development Legal and needs to be changed to Development Security. This information would need to be placed on it's own line.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve the bills as amended.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Comments: See Patti Dyer-Deckrow's attached statement regarding the above.

Minutes of December 8, 1997

December 8, 1997 meeting minutes were reviewed. Janet read her statement to Council that will be added to the minutes. The clarification of the language of the minutes regarding the cost of the pagers was discussed. The total cost per month for a pager is \$17.35. See attached quote for a breakdown of the costs.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve December 8, 1997 meeting minutes.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 1 (Shirley Oldman) ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Minutes of January 19, 1997

Motion was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to table the January 19 meeting minutes.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Budgets

The time frame for getting the budgets completed was discussed. There was a suggestion made that Tribal Council do a phone conference. It was stated that the Indirect budget needs to be done quicker than the regular budgets. The staff and Chairman Ettawageshik will make the changes to the budget according to the organizational chart and send the revised copy to the Council members. These budgets will be reviewed at a special meeting conducted on February 15th.

Special Meeting Called

A special meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 15th for review of budgets, minutes, and job descriptions. Tribal Council will correct the minutes that have been tabled and mail them to Susan by Friday, February 7, 1997. Susan will then correct them and have them ready for the meeting on February 15.

Phone Poll - Third Party Billing Software

The phone poll for the Third Party Billing Software for the Health Department was reviewed.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve the Phone Poll dated 11-21-96 for Third Party Billing Software.

Vote: 5 YES 1 NO Shirley Oldman 1 Alice Yellowbank ABSTAINED Motion Carried

Comments: George Anthony's vote was recorded on the phone poll.

Resolution #02029701 - Concurrent Resolution and the Class III Gaming Compact.

Chairman Ettawageshik read aloud the Resolution that Jim Bransky has drafted and Rick Weiner has reviewed for the Class Three Gaming Compact.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** adopting **Resolution #02029701** in support of the Class III Gaming Compact.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED Motion Carried

Organizational Chart

The Organizational Chart was briefly discussed.

Motion was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adopt **Resolution #02029702** adopting the Organizational Chart.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED Motion Carried

Health Structure Grant

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** in support of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Health Structure Grant.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED Motion Carried

Budget Modifications for Arlene were reviewed regarding carry over funds from the previous budget. Some budget modifications have been submitted for Chairman Ettawageshik's authorization.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** authorizing Chairman Ettawageshik to sign **modification 97-4** and **Modification #1** from previous contract to reallocate funds to the new budget.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED Motion Carried

Tribal Court Extension of Prosecuting Attorney Contract

The contract was reviewed and revised. Council issued a request that they would like to see a yearly report from Tribal Court pertaining to the services that the Prosecuting Attorney provides.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to sign the contract for Patrick Shannon after recommended changes have been made.

Vote: 6 YES 1 NO 1 (Patti Dyer-Deckrow) ABSTAINED Motion Carried

Comments: Patti Dyer-Deckrow would like to see yearly report from Patrick Shannon.

Opening Doors - Resolution #02029704

The need for a resolution for authorization of a subcontract with ITC to implement the Opening Doors in Michigan project for this FY was discussed.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** for **Resolution #02029704** for Opening Doors Program.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED Motion Carried

Council Departs: Patti Dyer-Deckrow left at 4:56 p.m.

Tribal Accounting Department Position

The Accounting Department's request for positions for Technician Level, Level II, and Level III was discussed.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve the three technician levels and pay scales for the Accounting Department only.

Vote: 5 YES _ NO (1) Alice Yellowbank ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Staff Reports

Motion was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept all the staff reports.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Tribal Chairman's Report

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the Tribal Chairman's verbal report.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to pay lodging and per diem to Janet Shomin to assist in the Accounting Assistant interview process, not to extend past two nights.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

NRC

A commercial lease on the Stewart property was discussed. The building that is leased temporarily would be used to house the NRC offices.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to authorize the NCR to negotiate a lease for up to one year with AMI for the buildings on the Stewart road subject to Tribal Council approval.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Personnel

Council issued a request to have a list of the new hires and their starting wage forwarded to them.

Constitution

There will be a Constitution meeting held on Wednesday, February 5.

NCAI

Alice Yellowbank has been assigned to call the NCAI regarding the Nagwanatik Committee and gather more information regarding the functions of this committee. She will then bring this information back to Council so they might consider a nominee for this Committee.

Pow Wow

A Pow Wow meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, where a Pow Wow Chairperson for 1997 will be selected.

Scholarship Committee

There was a problem with students resubmitting their information needed in order to obtain the second portion of their Scholarship award. The Council issued their opinion that it is the students responsibility to insure that all paperwork is turned in.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to accept the verbal committee reports.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Education Mission Statement

Fred Harrington introduced himself to the Tribal Council. Fred is the newly hired Education Director. Fred presented to Council the Education Mission statement that he has developed.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 5:45. Shirley Oldman stated Tribal members are getting upset because they are not getting information from the Tribal Office. A Communications person is currently being hired and this should ease the flow of communication to the tribal membership.

Public Comment: Public comment closed at 5:47 p.m.

Attorney:

Jim Bransky stated that he has consistently working on the LTBB Constitution. He also stated that there is quite a bit of legislation that needs to be addressed. He is also active the Land Trust Acquisition process.

Resolution #02029705 for IHS Budget Modification

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** supporting **Resolution #02029705** authorizing Chairman Ettawageshik to sign **modification 97-4** and **Modification #1** from previous contract to reallocate to the new budget.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to go into closed session at 6:00 p.m.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to adjourn the Tribal Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

These minutes have been read and approved as written:

Barry Laughlin, Tribal Council Secretary Date